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July 15, 1998

The Honorable William Kennard, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street N.W.
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Re: WT Docket 96-96

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I understand that the FCC is ready to issue rules regarding spectrum planning for the 24MHz of spectrum recently reallocated for public safety use.

We strongly support and request that the Commission use a regional planning approach rather than state-controlled spectrum planning. Public safety frequency planning works best when it reflects population centers as radio frequency propagation does not honor state boundaries. Moreover, it is critical that local government agencies, which provide the majority of public safety services, have full participation and equal standing in the planning process.

Sincerely,


Gary Costamagna
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Re: WT Docket 96-96

Dear Mr. Kennard:

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Your assistance and support of this request is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim Emerson".
James E. Emerson
Fire Chief



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July 14, 1998

The Honorable William Kennard,
Chairman
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Sincerely,

Rick Martinez, Fire Chief



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The Honorable William Kennard
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1919 M Street N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: WT Docket 96-86

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I understand that the FCC is about to issue rules regarding spectrum planning for the 24 MHz of spectrum recently reallocated for public safety use. We strongly support proposals that the Commission use a regional planning approach rather than state-controlled spectrum planning. My department along with several others from our combined dispatch operation just completed the process of petitioning Region 54 for seven 821 MHz frequencies for our new trunked radio system. We feel very strongly that this system works well for public safety.

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Respectfully submitted,

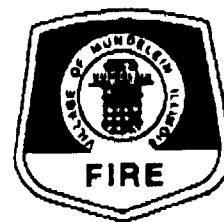
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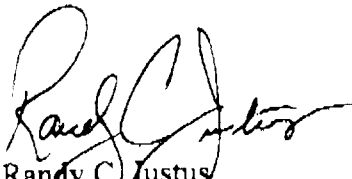
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RE: WT Docket 96-86

Dear Mr. Chairman:

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Respectfully submitted,



Randy C. Justus
Fire Chief

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Respectfully submitted,

ROCKFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT

D. William Robertson
Chief

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